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Fireman's Minority Plan Draws Mixed Reactions

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Amvets Post #4 Install Officers

Installation of officers and members of Amvets Post #4, got underway Saturday, July 24, 1971, at the McChord NCO Club Ballroom. After the cocktail hour, Col. Alonzo Foote, Amvets Post # 4, Adjutant and Master of Ceremonies for the evening invited all guests and members to a "Buffet Style" dinner which included fried chicken, roast beef & all the trimmings.

Distinguished guests were the Honorable Mayor and Mrs. Gordon M. Johnston, Col. Wayne Duckett, Duputy Base Commander McChord AFB, Col. and Mrs. Kuryk (Title), Col. and Mrs. Osgard (Title), Mrs. Loraine Wojohn (Title), Mr. Jim Walton (Title), Mr. Harold H. Henderson (Title), Mr. and Mrs. Twiddle (Title).

The evening ceremonies were highlighted by speeches made by Tacoma's Mayor Gordon M. Johnston, Col. Kuryk, (AF) and Col. Osgard, (Army) the concluding ceremony came when Mr. Twiddle, State Commander for the Amvets gave the Amvets code to all members and the oath of office to all elected officials, he read the charter to all members and guests and with a hardy handshake and welcomed Commander Roger O. Laskey. Commander Laskey excepted the Charter with full thanks saying that he will do all within his power to make his post the best in the state, and made a plea for all amvets to assist in improving the community in which they live.

Club Holds Scholarship Tea

Seated left to right: Delores Beason, Betty McGee Wanda Knox, Cathy Wormack (Scholarship recipient), Regina Glenn, Girtha Spivey, Ellece Wells Mable Botley. Back Row: Daisy Stallworth, Doris Mason, and Norma Wright.

The Upendo na Maendeleo Club held its first annual scholarship tea Sunday, at the City Association Club House. Tables were decorated with hand woven fabric from Kenya, and Makonde Sculpture. Records and books on Black women were on display.

Miss Willie D. Manus acted as mistress of ceremony for the program. The Trinas, a teenage group in the City Association of Colored Women Clubs, presented an entertaining program of piano solos, dance routines and speeches.

State Representative Peggy J. Maxie, Democrat, from the 37th district, Seattle, spoke on "Youth and Scholarship."

FIREMEN'S MINORITY PLAN DRAWS MIXED REACTION

An interim report on the progress taking place in the Tacoma Fire Department to recruit more minority race firemen drew mixed reactions from the Model Cities Minority Concerns Task Force.

Presenting the report were Department Chief James W. Reiser and Training Chief Otis A. Hay.

The report issued from the activities of a recruiting program initiated in May by a committee of Tacoma Firefighters Local 31. The local has over 300 members. Traditionally, Tacoma's firefighters have all been whites.

Reiser noted that as a result of the recruiting drive there were now three minority race trainee firemen on the force and that two others are ready to start after taking medical examinations.

Sixty-six minority race persons have been contacted so far in the recruiting program. Of these, 24 have passed the required agility test & 22 a firemen's aptitude test. The latter test is administered by Ft. Steilacoom Community College, which offers remedial reading, vocabulary and manual training classes.

While thie evidence of progress drew praise from the Minority Task Force, Chairman James Walton criticized what he termed overreliance on academic standards for work as a firefighter. If a man can show by his actual training that he is a good fireman, Walton claimed, he shouldn't then be disqualified by a written test.

Mrs. Eliza McCabe installed new members Mrs. George Wright, Mrs. Jim Spivey, Mrs. Harold Botley, Mrs. George Knox, and the new officers are: President, Mrs. Leroy Stallworth, Vice President, Mrs. Richard L. Mason; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Gerald Burke; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Jim Spivey; Treasurer, Mrs. George Wright.

Mrs. Landon Glenn was presented the past president's plaque.

Representative Maxie presented the scholarship to Miss Cathy Wormack, daughter of Retired Master Sergeant and Mrs. John Wormack. This fall Miss Wormack will study languages and fashion merchandising at the Sorbonne.

Beginning Next Week:

Facts Newsscope

The Week in Review

World And National

APOLLO 15 blasted off in a perfect launch Monday from Cape Kennedy carrying astronauts Scott, Irwin, and Worden on a 12 day voyage to the moon.

WILLIAM TUBMAN, President of Liberia, died in London at the age of 75. He had been president of Africa's oldest republic, founded 124 years ago by freed American slaves.

THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT executed about ten rebels who had attempted to overthrow the regime of Maj. Gen. Numairi. The revolt had been apparently successful until Numairi launched a countercoup.

SOVIET ADMIRAL Sergei Gorshkov claimed the Soviet Navy can strike any point on the globe with nuclear missiles. The statement was carried in a Pravda edition observing last Sunday as "Soviet Navy Day."

RACIAL UNREST continued to plague Columbus Ga. with scattered fire-bombings and sniper fire at police. Trouble erupted when seven black policemen where dismissed from the force for protesting discrimination and police brutality.

THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION backed down from its plan to cut off 275,000 welfare families from the food-stamp program.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN BRITAIN rose in July to the highest level in 31 years. Unemployment is now 3.4% higher than at any time since the Depression. Unemployment in the United States is now at 5.6%.

A GALLUP POLL taken recently showed that 61% of the American people favor a complete U.S. troop withdrawal from Viet Nam.

Regional And Local

DRUNK DRIVING charges have been lodged against Tacoma Deputy Mayor Maurice Finnigan following a July 10 accident in which Finnigan's car skidded off the Pacific Avenue freeway ramp.

UNDERCOVER AGENTS are not needed in schools to combat narcotics sales, according to State Superintendant of Public Instruction Louis Bruno, a statement promptly disputed by Seattle Mayor Wes Uhlman.

SEN. JACKSON (D.-Wa), claiming Nixon's economic policies are "leading the country into inflationary catastrophe," called for an immediate wage-price freeze.

THE BOEING CO. announced plans for a new 747 jetliner capable of transporting 1,000 passengers, twice the number of the largest jet presently in the air. First models are envisioned by 1978-80.

THE ARMY DROPPED charges against two Ft. Lewis soldiers accused of disobeying a general order against distributing unauthorized literature. They handed out copies of the Declaration of Independence on July 4.

TACOMA POLICE CHIEF Lyle Smith noted that although undercover narcotics agents have never been used in Tacoma schools, they could be if they were needed.

THE EDITOR of the Seattle Pacific College student newspaper, Janet Tronstad, has been disqualified from the paper because, according to school officials, she is not a "committed Christian."

UNEMPLOYMENT in Washington State rose to 12.7%.

Attention! Attention!

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Let the whole community know about what you are doing! Advertise your meetings, picnics, etc. FREE in the TACOMA FACTS. Write in your messages to 1325 So. K St., Tacoma 98405 or telephone Ma 7-5597 for inclusion in our new COMMUNITY CALENDAR. Don't be left out!

Notices must be submitted by Tuesday at 5 p.m.!

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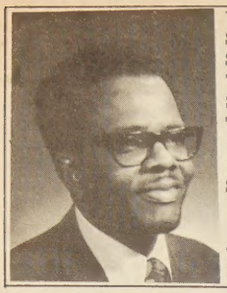

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Let the Facts Speak

Apollo 15 'But Is It Worth It'??

Like everyone else, we too were thrilled by the perfect launch Monday morning of the latest Apollo mission to the moon. We wish our three astronauts David Scott, Jim Irwin, and Al Worden good luck and a safe return.

The tragedy of the last Soviet space mission in which three cosmonauts perished only minutes from their motherland underscores the perils such space voyages involve.

The personal courage of our astronauts in leaving the Earth after the Russian disaster must not blind us, however, to a question that has nothing really to do with the astronauts themselves, and that is quite simply, Is it all worth it?

The cost of Apollo 15 is difficult to measure since some of the expenses involved have financed previous missions, but a rough estimate places ir around half a billion dollars.

Half a billion dollars.

That is a lot of money.

An indication of the prodigious amount (some would say 'waste') involved is the four-wheel moon buggy "Rover." Rover cost $8 million to build. It will be used for exactly 22 miles on the moon and then abandoned.

Yes, we said abandoned.

That is $667,000 per mile, the most expensive ride in history.

But more importantly, are the Apollo missions taking America for a ride?

Can America truly afford such prodigious outlays of wealth and resources?

We say no, a thousand times no. America cannot continue in this way until

-- no American child is irreparable damaged by malnutrition.
-- the seriously ill can find treatment for their afflictions.
-- the millions of unemployed workers can find the dignity that only earned pay can confer.
-- the aged are not shoved into horror chambers called retirement homes.
-- the indigent has as much right to justice as the rich.
-- economic and social slavery are ended for the millions of blacks, Mexican-Americans, Indians and other minorities.

Some scientists tell us that the Apollo missions will help us come closer to understanding "the mysteries of creation."

They use a lot of fine-sounding (and unscientific) phrases like "the origin of life" and "the beginnings of the universe."

Meanwhile they pocket $20,000 to $50,000 a year of Government money in one of the greatest "welfare fraud" swindles in history.

Meanwhile, children in America continue to cry in the night from hunger.

What will it profit a nation if it gain the entire world and the moon and lose its soul?

--by John Evans

Medical Care

Wednesdays and Thursdays are exciting and busy times at the Tacoma Rescue Mission free Medical and Dentral Clinic located at 1510 Pacific Ave.

The Medical Clinic is open Wednesday and Thursday mornings, and the dental Clinic is open all day long each Wednesday.

Staffing the clinics are some of the finest Doctors, Nurses, Dentists and their assistants who volunteer their time and services enthusiastically and willingly.

Those eligible for treatment are the unemployed, low income families, the elderly and transients who for whatever reason are without means to pay for medical and dental care.

Please call Fu 3-4242 for appointment or for further information.

Faces in THE FACTS

Tacoma Unemployed Organize

A group of thirty-five persons met Thursday to form the Unemployed Workers Association (UWA). Organized by Harry Botley, the director of the Central Employment Association, the meeting decided to throw membership open to anyone interested and to focus its concerns on the plight of minority-race persons and disadvantaged whites.

Botley declined to be nominated for chairman, and Mrs. Orwillie Walker was elected to the post.

Other officers elected are John Abernathy (vice-chairman), Mrs. Jean Jackson (secretary), Miss Corzettee Bradly (assistant secretary), and Mrs. Virginia Hankins (treasurer).

Botley pointed out that the Model Cities Executive Board has designated the organization he heads, Central Employment Association, (CEA) as its referral agency for jobs, and said that CEA would attempt to fill all job openings from the membership of the new group.

A "mass meeting" is planned for Thursday, July 29, at 7:30 p.m., at the Tacoma Community House, 1311 S. M St.

Tacoma Election Races Offically Open

Monday morning saw the beginning of official filings for the fall elections in the City Clerk's office.

Ronald R. Pretti was the early bird, arriving at 7:00 a.m. to be the first to pay his filing fee. Pretti, former Washington State aviation director recently resigned his state position to enter the race for mayor of Tacoma.

The next to sign up was Richard "Dick" Sonntag, who filed for Tacoma Council position No. 6, currently occupied by Gerald Maule. Dick Sonntag is well known to TACOMA FACTS readers for his many political columns that have appeared in these pages. Sonntag has decided to discontinue his columns during his campaign.

Philip Schroeder was the first incumbent to sign up for re-election. Schroeder presently occupies position no. 4, and he filed for re-election to that post.

Thomas F. Wells of 841 E. 48th St. also declared for the same Council seat.

Snap With Brother Rap

Stop 'N' Go on So. 19th last week on the twentieth of this month after gunmen had a gun on a child in the store and the cashier came nose to nose with the other gunman the demand was easy.

Shortly after the So. 19th street robbery a 38 packing G-man checked in at the Taco Time on 6th Ave. He took the cash and made a dash but forgot to make an order.

Pioneer Grocery has been serving the community for sometime. Customers haven't realized the fact, our young black children shop there too.

I pledge for all black people to stop and think for a moment of the crime within the community. Fact the subject with your own opinions this is mine.

Pioneer Grocery was robbed again last week.

A MESSAGE

"RIGHT ON" By Halbert (Jerry) Glover

RIGHT ON, How pleasingly tuneful to the ears. Of course I too like to give the sign of the clenched fist and say "Right On", tho' reluctantly; for to you the meaining I do not know, yet my indications are to you that you continue to do your thing. YOUR THING? What is it you call your thing?

Are you aiding yourself by obtaining an education in order that you may help others; Or are you an individual who know s it all, requires no advice and seeks none?

Have you joined other in efforts to rid "Black Status", Second Class Citizenship?

Have you knowledge enough to help others to improve School curricular to show the labors of the black man historically building this country?

Yes! You're doing your thing and rightfully so --- "RIGHT ON". So ask yourself if Right On is any more rewarding or meaningful than the tune we were bellowing a few years ago; you remember, "TOGETHERNESS"? Well, we seem to have worn the popular word Togetherness from everyday language.

What happened to it? Where did it go?

What purpose did it serve? Are we any closer together? Since there are many other facets appertaining to the path of life which an individual will encounter, let us begin to think, think, think. Now a hint to the solution of thinking. Employ your brain to the task of avoiding the heated grasp of Satan. You know his desires. Now you're thinking---"Right On".

State Auctions Off Indian Cigarettes

A total of 243,450 packages of cigarettes were auctioned off by the Washington State Department of Revenue last Monday at the Bekins Moving & Storage facility on Tacoma Ave.

The cigarettes had been confiscated earlier from various Indian smokeshops in the locality. The Indians claim they have a right to sell cigarettes without paying state taxes as their smokeshops are located on Puyallup Indian land. The State has confiscated numerous shipments of cigarettes destined for Indian smokeshops, claiming the owners owe the State back taxes and penalties.

The auction was restricted to cigarette wholesalers and distributors who snapped up the cartons at rock-bottom prices.

School Board Adopts Written Policy Toward Pregnant Students

The Tacoma School Board, for the first time in its history, has adopted a written policy toward married and unmarried school girls who become pregnant while attending school.

Purpose of the written policy, according to school officials, is to make certain that pregnant school girls are not denied any educational opportunities possible.

Programs for the girls will be devised in consultation with the girl, her husgand (if any), her parents and physician.

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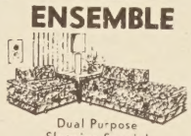

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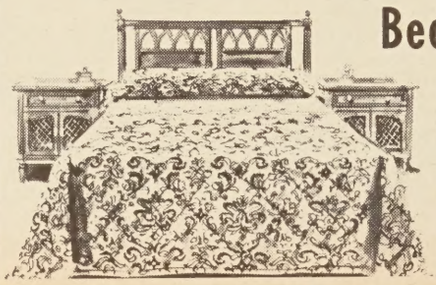

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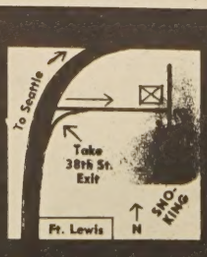

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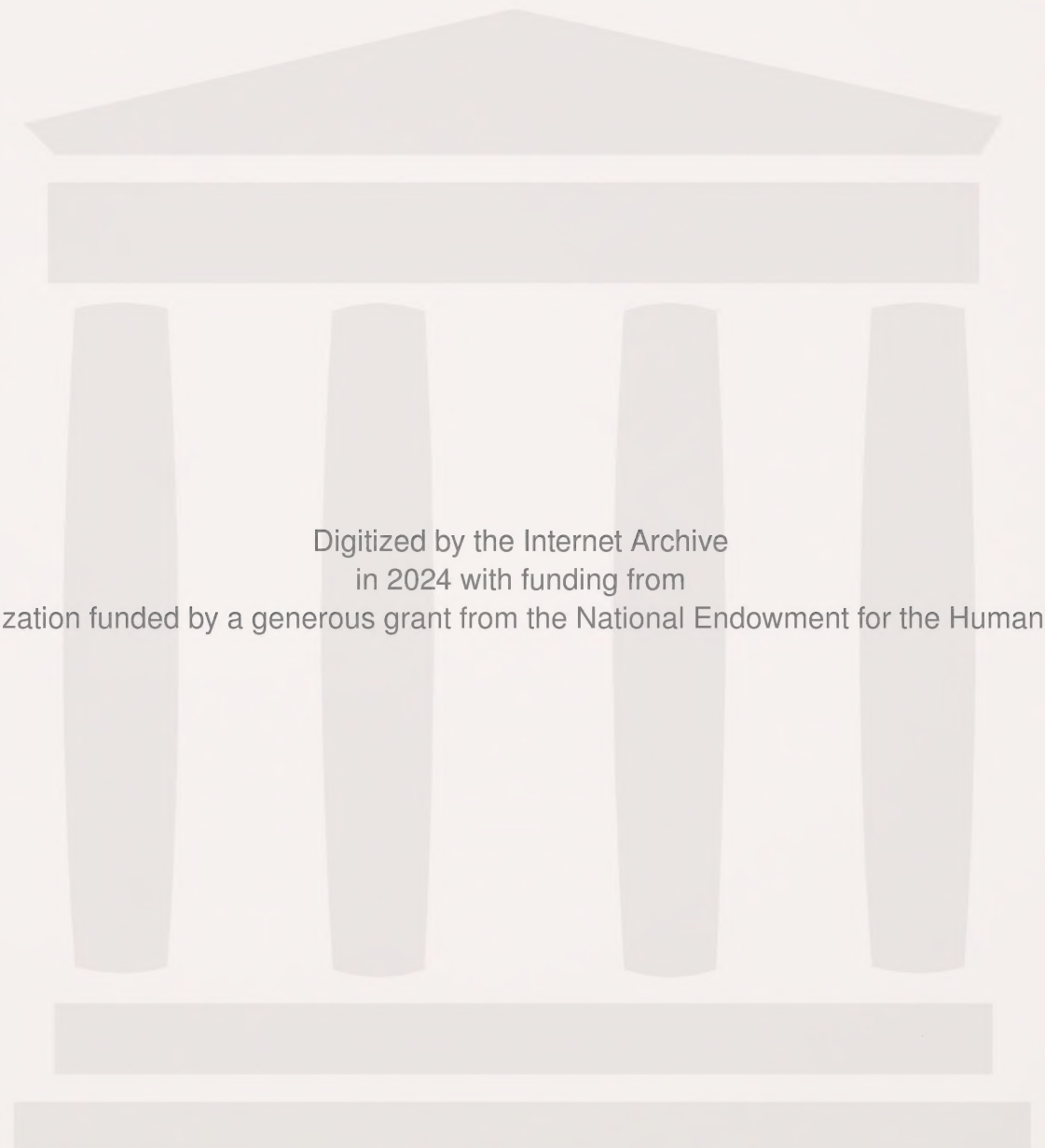

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Social Jottings By. . .

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.....BOAT CRUISE .....

The Esquire Restaurant is sponsoring an exciting boat cruise on the waters of the great Puget Sound, Saturday, August 7. The Voyage will begin at the "Old Tacoma Dock" at "High Noon".

Musical entertainment will be provided by the rhythmic sounds of Charles and the Entertainers. In addition to the musical entertainment, there will be games and a delicious buffett luncheon.

Messrs, Dabney and Cunningham are making plans for their guests to have an exciting and fun-filled afternoon....You would not want to miss out on this excitement.

Tickets can be purchased at the Esquire Restaurant, 1519 Broadway.

.....KYTHERIANS SWING AGAIN.....

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Staten graciously entertained more than 30 sorority members and their guest at their lovely home last Saturday evening. They hosted the Kappa Theta Rho's monthly social for July and a fabulous one it was.

The weather cooperated beautifully for them to carry-out the outdoor/indoor party scene.

.....BIRTHDAY CALENDAR TEA.....

The Saturday Morning Brunch Club will hold its "Birthday Calendar Tea", Sunday August 1st from 2:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at the City Association of Colored Women's Clubhouse, at 2316 South Yakima.

The Theme for the tea is "CREATION OF OUR BIRTH". Mrs. Robert Davis, first lady of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, will be the guest speaker. There will be musical selections and other talents presented.

Mrs. Viola Norwood-Tea Chairman, Mrs. Lucy B. Marshall-Program Chairman, Mrs. Juanita Daniels-President and their fellow members cordially invites the public to attend.

.....PRE-HOUSE WARMING.....

Mrs. Precious (Ann) Wilkinson entertained a small group Sunday Afternoon in her very unique and lovely home with cocktails and a late afternoon lunch.

In addition to the pre-showing of her home, Mrs. Wilkenson gave her guest a preview of their new boat which will be launched in the near future. The Wilkinsons are looking forward to entertaining their many friends subsequent to their formal house warming.

Gone For Summer

Mrs. Berendatte Watkins and Marilu Jones, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Watkins, in Germany. They hope to visit London, Frankfurt, Italy, and Paris before returnning for the fall. Marilu is the sister of Jacqueline and Gwendolyn and brother Willie Jones, of Tacoma.

Mrs. Hannah Lee Jones, mother of four children are planning to attend T.C.C. this fall.

FUN O RAMA FOR GIRLS

The last session of Fun-O-Rama, a free summer recreation program for Model Neighborhood girls, ages six to twelve will run from Aug. 2 to Aug. 13.

Directed by the Tacoma YWCA, the activities offered include arts and crafts, games, movies, dancing, drama, trips, cook-outs, swimming 2 times a week at the Boy's Club and individual T shirts.

Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the lower level of St. John's Church, 2001 So. J Street. Bus transportation will be available for girls who live beyond walking distance.

Registration cards may be returned to St. John's Church or called into the YWCA,Br 2-4181. This is a Model Cities funded project, which is directed by the Tacoma-Pierce County YWCA.

Benefit Dance For Retarded Children

Friday, July 30, the New Career Sponsorship Club are sponsoring a benefit dance. There will be a Fashion Show and a Talent Show, at the NCO Club Branch, in North Fort Lewis. For the retarded children at Rainier School.

In the performance of the Talent Show, there will be several vocal groups, the "Passions," the Black Love Lights. There are also several dance groups performing.

These people will be designing and modeling their own clothes: Mrs. Ola Jolly, Maggie Davis and others.

The music for the dance will be furnished by the Rhaw Suncopation.

The affair will begin at 8:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. Tickets will be sold at the Afro House for $1.00 and at the door.

Boy's Club News

The Downtown Tacoma's Boys' Club are now in preparation of getting their 1971 Small Fry and Pee Wee Football team together. In Small Fry class the young men will range from age 9 to 10 and weigh 65 to 75 lbs. Last year Small Fry team won the City Championship in their class. The young men playing Pee Wee team class range from the ages of 11 to 13 and weigh 76 to 93 lbs. Last year the team tied for third place. All young men interested, sign up now at the Downtown Tacoma's Boys' Club.

Also in preparation of getting together their 1971, Swimming team. The ages range from 5 to 18. All interested young men sign up now at the Tacoma's Boys' Club. For further information contact Mr. Hank Rivers, Acquaita Director.

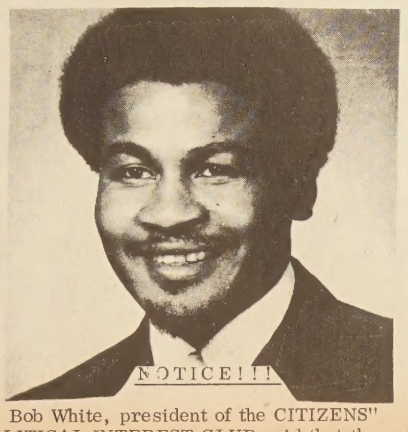
DANCE

The dance that was held July 23rd was a pretty big success. The crowd at the dance was enormous, and the best attendance for any of the dances at the Downtown Tacoma's Boys' Club up to this date.

The dance contest was also one of the big attraction. There were three prizes, $5.00 for first place, $3.00 for second and $2.00 for third. The winners for first were Karl McClarron and Pamela Pitts. Second place winners were, Butch Nowell and Iris Barnett. The winners for third place were, Robert Edwards and Marchelle White.

The music was supplied by "Ball & Chain". They put on a pretty good show. The half time show was put on by the Downtown Tacoma's Boys' Club "Soul Control", and the "Soul Steppers".

The Parent's Club are getting ready to sponsor a back to school dance in the month of August. As for more information towards this affair the reporter,he regrets, has no knowledge of this date.



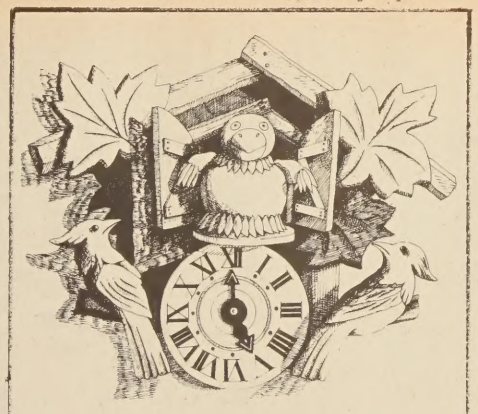
Bob White, president of the CITIZENS" POLITICAL INTEREST CLUB said that there is something new to watch in the FACTS.

It is the CITIZENS' POLITICAL INTEREST CLUB popularity poll.

Bob White said that this poll was 90% accurate last election; so to keep up with on how your candidates popularity are doing, watch the FACTS every week to get the results of the Citizens interest popularity poll.

Bob said work has already started on the poll for the City Council race and the 1972 Washington State race and the "72" Presidential race.

Bob said that this will be a weekly report.



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To carry out its responsibilities, the Commission has a professional staff that performs assignments the Commission, the Council and Mayor, and other appropriate administrative officials of the city assign which have to do with human relations.

WHAT IT DOES:

1. Identify and study the human relations needs and welfare of the community, and promote and enlist the cooperation of all groups, both public and private, in programs and campaigns for the betterment of such relations.

2. Within staff limitations, collect, maintain and interpret pertinent information and statistics relating to matters involving racial friction and tension or discrimination on account of color, religion, or national origin or descent for the use of officials, depertments, citizens, and all other organizations and entities in the City.

3. Identify and study existing and potential areas of interracial friction and tension which are detrimental to the general welfare of the community, and to recommend corrective measures; to encourage and offer conferences and conciliation among groups and elements of the community who are seeking to arrive at voluntary solutions to such problems.

4. Institute and conduct educational program to promote equal treatment, opportunity, and understanding and sponsor meetings, institutes, forums, and courses of instruction leading to a clearer understanding and solution of the City's problems.

5. Receive, file, and investigate complaints, and initiate and carry out investigations of these complaints relating to interracial tensions or discriminations and practices based on and resulting from race, color, religion, national origin, or ancestry.

6. Hold public hearings when deemed necessary to ascertain the status and treatment of national, religious, and ethnic groups within the City, and to make recommendations as to the best means of progressively improving human relations within the community.

7. To perform such other functions and duties as may be directed by the City Council or prescribed or authorized by any resolution or ordinance of the City.

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P.S. On August 5, at 4:00 p.m., the HRC will hold a special public meeting in the Tacoma City Council Chamber County-City Building. The public is invited. Part 2 Next Week

CPIC Dances This Weekend

The Tacoma Citizens Political Club will hold dances this Friday and Saturday at the Amvets Hall, 38th and South Tacoma Way from 10:30 pm 'till 3:30 a.m. Music will be by the Black on White Affair. They have one of the better sounds in the Northwest. On Friday all ladies will be admitted for half price. $3.00 men, $1.50 women. Eighteen and over only. CPIC Vice President Richard Avery said the dances will be caberet style and soft drinks and snacks will be available. Avery went on to say that a deputy registrar of voters will be on hand to register new voters. "I want every young person in Tacoma to attend a CPIC dance this weekend and register to vote" he said.

Can anyone think of a more fun way to become a registered voter? Be there.

- Moss and Sonntag to speak -

City Councilman Harold Moss will speak at the entermission during the Saturday night dance and Council candidate Dick Sonntag will offer a few remarks on Friday night. Any other Council candidate who attends either dance will also be at intermission.

Accountability

Accountability . . . .that's one of the newer, more fashionable ways of saying "How are we doing?" It's a good word; one that demands careful gathering of the facts, close scrutiny of the details, and unbiased summary of the findings.

In looking over our present body of law designed to protect human rights, we find there is a lot of it on the books now. True, some of it is weak, needs some teeth and nails added to make it fully effective. Some of it is ambiguous and should be amended to be more specific and definite.

On the whole, we have adequate protection of our civil rights—ON THE BOOKS. But what about accountability?

How well are these laws being administered? How adequate is the service performed by the many agencies and commissions set up to implement the intent of Congress as expressed in these laws?

In digging into these questions, we arrive at the simple fact that the business of protecting human rights and ensuring human liberty and equality of opportunity is like any other business; it's only as good as the people in it.

So we come to the question of who administers these laws, where do they come from, how are they chosen?

The FACTS is proud to announce that it will, from time to time, probe these questions and provide the answers to its thinking readers. The FACTS takes the position that every law protecting a human right was so hard-won, so costly in terms of precious human life and talent, it would be disrespect to those who gave so much to achieve them if we failed to examine how they are enforced. This is no light or easy task, and we solicit your support in the effort. We need your input; if you have sought relief under one of these laws, send us your story. THE FACTS will to the limit of of its staffing ability, examine each, determine the truth, give praise where merited, and censure where deserved.

As we said earlier, the effectivity of every agency and commission enforcing human rights laws is dependent on the skill and competence of the people employed by them. How are these people selected to do these vitally important jobs?

Most of them are under federal Civil Service. The U.S. Civil Service Commission said, in 1969, "Modern government requires large numbers of the most highly skilled people obtainable for the efficient conduct of the nation's business. The only reliable means yet devised to attract and retain a sizeable and well qualified staff is to choose its members solely on the basis of their knowledge, skills, abilities, and fitness for the work, that is, on MERIT."

The Commission further said, "The basic process for selecting the career work force is through 'open competition'. There are six principle elements involved in the concept (as required by the Civil Service Act of 1883).

"Adequate publicity: Job openings and requirements must be made public, so that interested citizens have a reasonable opportunity to know about them.

"Opportunity to apply: Citizens who are interested much have a chance to make their interest known and to receive consideration.

"Realistic standards: Qualification standards must be reasonably related to the job to be filled and must be applied impartially to all who make their interest known.

"Absence of discrimination: The standards used must contain factors which relate only to ability and fitness for employment.

"Ranking on basis of ability: The very essence of competition implies a ranking of candidates on the basis of a relative evaluation of their ability and fitness, and a selection process which gives effect to this ranking.

"Knowledge of results: The public must be able to find out how the process works.

So we come back to that same word—Accountability—and to that same question "What does the record show?" If you have sought federal civil service employment, tell us your experience, good or bad. A high-grade stable, efficient work force in every agency and commission dealing with our basic rights is important to every citizen. Let's all look into the matter together.

DIRTY POLITICS

Since this is my last article for the FACTS, I think that I will use it to express my opinion on several recent events. The first one is quite personal. Because I have become a candidate for the Tacoma City Council I have been the subject of a brutal verbal attack on a local radio station. The station owner has been more than fair in his news coverage of my announcement, but one of his announcers does not see fairness in the same light. He runs a telephone talk show and has participated with some of his listeners in calling me "Blue Eyed Soul" (my eyes are brown) because I write for the FACTS and because some of my friends are Black. On his program I have been called a "Nigger Lover." One of the listeners to this station says I would not make a good councilman becaise I "run around." I do date, I enjoy my social life, and like being around groups of people. Since I am a single adult, what is wrong with that? Maybe the person who made that comment would rather I went out with men or stayed home alone since he obviously feels that there is something wrong with me because I prefer women. That is one thing about me that I hope NEVER changes. It is possible that the commentator in question is attacking me as a means of getting at some of our governmental leaders that I am known to respect and support such as Henry M. Jackson, Floyd Hicks, and Martin Durkan. All three are friends of mine and I am known as a campaign worker for each.

Note: The biggest weapon any group can have in a city election is all of their friends registered to vote and have the rest of the people suffering from the illness of "Voter Apathy". Many minority people and most young persons are not registered. Also a large number of union people do not vote in city elections. I'll tell you right now, REGISTER, or don't expect any working people to be elected. You must register by August 21 to be able to vote in the September Primary. Please, Register and Vote.

Note: Five times in as many months I have urged in this column that the democratic party select Henry M. Jackson as it's candidate for President and Edward M. Kennedy for Vice President. I feel that this is the only ticket that can defeat President Nixon. Last week the U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT magazine came out with the same idea and said that Senator Kennedy is for it. I hope "Scoop" Jackson is of the same mind.

Note: A poll taken last week by the Citizens Political Interest Club showed that most people in Tacoma are concerned about Drugs and Jobs. Question: Do you feel that our present City Council has done a good job in trying to solve the problems of; Drug addiction - Yes 29½, No 70½. Unemployment - Yes 32½%, No 67½%. Attracting New Industry to Tacoma - Yes 45%, No 55%. This sounds like an accurate poll except I don't understand the Yes answers to the last part. I can think of very little new industry in Tacoma. The poll was taken city-wide according to Elaine Detton, club Secretary.

Note; The FACTS wishes "good luck" to two new tavern owners in downtown Tacoma. Diamond Duck Franks and the 1306. Win Anderson and his Fair Deal Pub. Advertise in the FACTS you you're bound to be a success.

Note: Nobody knows what Republican is going to run for Governor next year. The best bet is Dan Evans, again. But the democrats have more possible candidates than ever before. A few are Martin Durkan, Wes Uhlman, Fred Dore, Gordon Johnston, Clay Huntington, Booth Gardner, Jack Tanner, And Brock Adams. Durkan looks like the favorite at this time, but any of them could do the job.

Note: I hope that most of you feel that this column has been a good one and that, most of the time, you enjoyed reading it. My thanks to Fitzgerald Beaver, FACTS Publisher, for putting up with me.

Note: If you are a snior citizen and a property owner, contact County Assessor Ken Johnston to see if you qualify for a special exemption on your property taxes because of your age and income level. Call 593 - 4036.

Note: To register to vote call the City Clerk at 593 - 4585 or attend one of the Citizens Political Interest Club dances this weekend at the Amvets hall, 38th and South Tacoma Way. A deputy registrar will be onduty, Friday and Saturday nights.

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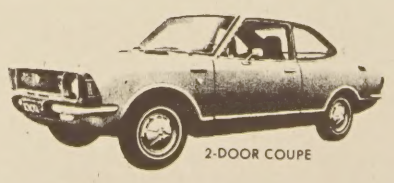
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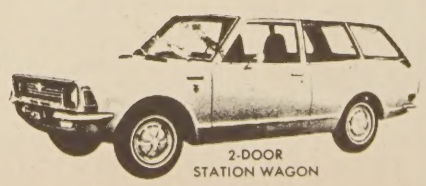
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THE PIGEON-DROP

In the shadow world of the swindler, the "pigeon-drop" is almost a classic. It has been tried (and achieved) for years in countless places and with countless victims. Only a few weeks ago it made a re-appearance in nearby Puyallup, a good reason for Tacomans to be able to recognize this "time-honored" swindle.

Let's see how it works:

The intended victim of a pigeon-drop is almost invariably an older woman with some savings (although it doesn't have to be an elderly person.) Let's say the victim is out in her yard one fine day tending to her flowers.

The swindlers (suspects) in this reconstructed case are two women in their late thirties.

The first suspect strolls by the gardening woman and stops to ask directions for a certain (non-existent) address. She explains to the victim that she is trying to get in touch with her mother-in-law, who "lives"in the vicinity. She has just been widowed, and there are "insurance policy" matters to be handled.

The victim may try to direct Suspect No. 1, who then goes on to find her "mother-in-law."

The whole point has been to get a certain (non-existent) address into the intended victim's mind.

A little while latter, Suspect No. 2 comes to the same lady's door, asking directions to the same address. She explains that she is from a "district court," or a certain lawyer, or some such and has an "important letter" to deliver.

The victim points out that by co-incidence someone else was just there asking for the same directions. They chat a while, and then Suspect No. 2 begins to leave. She goes a few steps and backtraps.

"Maybe we should just take a look at what's in the envelop!" she says. (Notice it is now "we," the Suspect and her intended Victim.)

She opens it. Inside, in hundred or five hundred dollar bills, is a sizable sum of money.

"I better take this to the police right away," says Suspect No. 2, "Just to see it's okay." She leaves, and her "going to the police" establishes the "fact" that she's honest in the victim's mind.

Suspect No. 2 comes back an hour later and excitedly informs the victim that the police said it was "gambling money" and that she can keep it unless someone comes to claim it within a day or two. At this point, Suspect No. 1 usually makes an appearance. They are all excited at the news, and Suspect No. 2 announced that since the other two women "helped" her, she is going to split it three ways.

Then Suspect No. 1 looks at some of the bills and says she thinks they look "funny." Has anyone got some $100 or $500 bills to compare with?

Suspect No. 2 says no, she only has twenty dollar bills.

The two suspects then turn to their victim. Could she go to the bank and perhaps withdraw wome large denomination bills so they can all see?

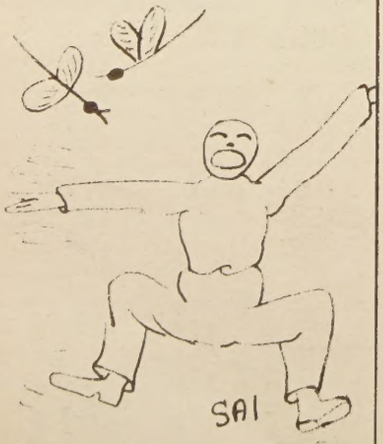
The rest is obvious. During the comparison, the suspects palm off the real bills and leave the victim with an empty envelop.

Then they disappear.

--by John Evans

(Next week: How Swindlers Prey On Youth.)

THE MOSQUITOES



You were right, Dear, it's much better under the fingernails.

THE PRICE OF LIVERTY

Two centuries ago, Patrick Henry said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

The recent grand jury probe into the activities of Seattle and King County politicians during the past decade is certainly a case in point. Apathy and indifference created the climate that invited the exercise of greed, and permitted corrupt practices to flourish unrestrained.

Certainly much praise is due the diligent prosecutor and deputy prosecutors who searched records, unearthed evidence and revealed the untidy mess.

Unfortunately, civic virtue must be constantly guarded. To have achieved a victory over the police payoff system, liquor control irregularities, gambling and drug traffic is highly commendable; to continue to keep vice out of our city demands equal vigilance and action.

This will be no light task, and those who undertake it deserve our continuing support. But it is the nature of our world.

As another great America, Thomas Paine said "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

Equipment Drive Photographic

The Malcolm X Youth Center is in the process of developing a photographic lab. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone has any photographic, developing, and printing equipment they would like to donate to the center, please notify Fred Burrel, director of the center.

Broadway Mall Idea To Be Tested Friday And Saturday

Traffic will be prohibited Friday and Saturday on Broadway between 9th and 15th streets to try out the possibility of a carfree mall in downtown Tacoma. For the occasion, merchants will move out onto the sidewalk to create a fair-like street-sale atmosphere.

The Court C Coffeehouse will move its arts and crafts activities onto the street. Other stores will display camping equipment, boats, motorcycles, and antique cars.

The Air Force will sponsor a display of military equipment.

Street barricades will go up at 7:00 p.m. Thursday to allow exhibitors to set up their displays. They will be removed at 10:00 p.m. Saturday.

Experimental 100 MPH Navy Ship Christened In Tacoma

An experimental ship, the SES-100 A, was christened here Saturday at the Tacoma Boatbuilding Co. The sleek, flat-design ship will ride on a cushion of air over water at speeds in excess of 80 knots. The SES-100 A weighs 100 tons.

Attending the ceremonies were Sen. and Mrs. Warren Magnusson, civic and company officials, and U. S. Navy representatives.

In his remarks, Sen. Magnusson called the SES-100 A the "first step" in the development of multi-thousand-ton, high speed ships in the future.

The SES-100 A was built by Tacoma Boatbuilding under a contract from the California based Aerojet-General Corporation.

Mrs. Magnusson performed the christening with the traditional bottle of champagne.

"SOMEONE I MET"

A new road crossed my path today
So green, inviting I turned its way.

As an inquisitor I knelt to feel the sod
It was freshly turned as yet untrod

Lined with cedar and willow bush lush
Ahead it turned, lost in underbrush.

I followed this road around the bend
For only a short span, it bent again.

Then up it climbed, now above the trees
The underbrush leafless below my knees.

The road then narrowed to a path unknown
And underfoot a wet shale of stone

My breath grew frosted, so cold was the air.
Behind large stones patched snow hid there.

That's when I saw it in bloom, pink, yellow and red
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Minnie Pearl, a widow, says she doesn't care what people may think of a great-grandmother who only now is learning to read.

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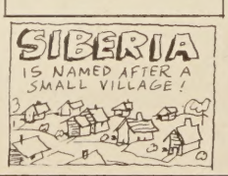

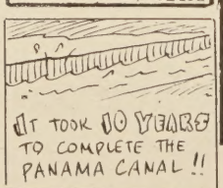

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